CLAIMS

1. A process for producing a 1,2,3-triazole compound represented by formula (I):

$$R^1$$
 N
 N
 N
 R^3

wherein R¹ represents optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy; R² represents a protective group of the carboxylic acid; and R³ represents an alkali metal, a hydrogen atom, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkylsulfonyl, optionally substituted arylsulfonyl, or trialkylsilyl, said process comprising the step of:

reacting a compound represented by formula (II):

wherein R^1 and R^2 are as defined above, with an azide compound represented by formula (III):

$$R^3 - N_3$$

wherein R^3 is as defined above, in the presence of a transition metal compound.

- 2. The process according to claim 1, wherein the transition metal compound is copper(I) chloride or iron(III) chloride.
- 3. The process according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of an oxidizing agent or under an oxygen atmosphere.
- 4. The process according to claim 3, wherein the oxidizing agent is sodium chlorate or sodium bromate.
- 5. The process according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein R^1 represents 3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 3,4-dimethoxy-phenylamino, or methoxyl, R^2 represents ethyl, and R^3 represents sodium or a hydrogen atom.